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SUBJECT: VISITS BY CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS TO STUDY BILINGUAL  
EDUCATION

REF: A. MOSCOW 18990, B. MOSCOW 18978 C. STATE 293980

1. AFTER CONVERSATIONS REPORTED REFS A AND B, EMB NOTED  
DECEMBER 3 AP STORY DATED LINE NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA,  
ENTITLED "NO VISA." STORY WAS RATHER CONFUSED, BUT  
IT REPORTED THAT HENRY GLADE, HEAD OF MODERN LANGUAGES  
DEPT AT MANCHESTER COLLEGE, DID NOT RECEIVE VISA FOR TRIP  
TO USSR WHICH WAS ARRANGED BY "CULTURAL EXCHANGE CENTER"  
IN US AND BY "INSTITUTE OF SOVIET RELATIONS" IN MOSCOW.  
GLADE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE AND SIX OTHERS WERE DENIED  
VISAS BECAUSE SOVIETS "MIGHT BE TRYING TO CAUSE PROBLEMS  
FOR THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION."  
ASSUME FULL TEXT OF STORY AVAILABLE TO DEPT.

2. NOTING THAT THE ACRONYM FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE  
CENTER IS SAME AS THAT FOR CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS,  
EMB SUSPECTED CONNECTION BETWEEN GLADE AND FISHMAN  
CASES AND CONTACTED USSR-USA SOCIETY TO INQUIRE WHETHER  
THEY WERE EXPECTING A VISIT BY GLADE AND IF HE WAS  
PERHAPS INVOLVED IN GROUP TO WHICH FISHMAN BELONGED.  
BOTH STEPUNIN AND BATOVA WERE OUT OF OFFICE ON MONDAY  
BUT V.P. MOLCHANOV OF SOCIETY STAFF INDICATED THAT  
THEY HAD NO RECORD OF GLADE'S PLANNED VISIT.

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EM UNDER QUESTIONING MOLCHANOV REVEALED THAT CITIZEN

EXCHANGE CROPS HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO SEND FOURTEEN PERSONS FOR VISIT DEVOTED TO STUDY OF BILINGUAL ED. HE SAID THAT CORPS HAD EXPLAINED TO SOCIETY THAT IT WAS CHEAPER TO SEND FOURTEEN THAN EIGHT BUT SOCIETY HAD REPLIED THAT IT WAS ONLY PREPARED TO RECEIVE EIGHT AMERICANS IN RETURN FOR THE EIGHT-PERSON DELEGATION IT HAD SENT TO U.S. SOCIETY HAD AS RESULT AUTHORIZED VISAS FOR ONLY EIGHT OF FOURTEEN PERSONS SUBMITTED BY CEC.

4. SINCE AP STORY SAYS SEVEN PERSONS DID NOT GET VISAS, DEPT MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH DAN JAMES OF CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS, WHO IS QUOTED IN AP STORY, TO DETERMINE WHETHER FISHMAN COULD PERHAPS HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE DENIED VISAS BECAUSE USSR-USA SOCIETY CONSIDERED THEM TO BE OVER AGREED-UPON NUMBER TO BE EXCHANGED.  
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